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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

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1. The patent application of:

Inventor(s): **WILLIAM D. SIGWORTH**

Title: **"COUPLING AGENTS FOR NATURAL FIBER-FILLED POLYOLEFINS"**

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2. Application

- a. ☐ New Application  
b. ☐ Divisional ☒ Continuation ☒ Continuation-in-Part of U. S. Application Serial  
**No. 10/412,981**, filed on **April 14, 2003**.

3. ☐ sheets of drawings.

4. ☐ Oath or Declaration (Total pages - 1- page)  
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b. ☐ copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional application)

5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference  
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6. ☐ An assignment of the invention to **CROMPTON CORPORATION**, and cover sheet.

7. ☐ Power of Attorney

8. ☒ A copy of Information Disclosure Statement/PTO 1449 from prior application.

9. ☐ Preliminary Amendment

10. (X) Return Receipt Postcard

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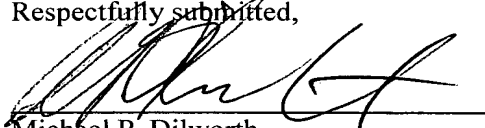
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